Submission of Universal Banking Blue Print by IDBI

2330. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Industrial Development Bank of India is gearing up to submit the universal banking blue print to the Reserve Bank of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government have so far taken or propose to take to explore short term market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL) : (a) and (b) IDBI has informed RBI that details of its transformation into a Universal Bank are being evaluated and they will approach RBI once the analysis is complete.

(c) With the introduction of financial sector reforms in 1991, access of DFIs to assured sources of long-term and low-cost funds was gradually phased out and they had to access both the wholesale/institutional and retail segments of the domestic market for resources mobilisation. To provide flexibility to DFIs in their resource raising efforts, since October 1993, they were permitted to access short term funds by RBI with umbrella limits equivalent to their respective levels of net worth.

Guidelines for deputation of CSS officers

2331: MISS FRIDA TOPNO : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a)whether Government are aware of certain instances of violation of their guidelines on posting of CSS officers on their repatriation from deputation, by some Departments in Finance Ministry during the last two years;

(b) whether it is a fact that another guidelines/instructions were issued on 16th August, 2000 reiterating earlier instructions, soon after such instances were noticed;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken thereon;

(d) whether Government proposes to fix responsibility for violation of Government instructions; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL) : (a) to (e) Department of Expenditure, which is the Cadre controlling authority for CSS officers in the Ministry of Finance had issued instructions on 8th October, 1999 to all the Departments of the Ministry of Finance to direct the CSS officers to report to Department of Expenditure for further posting on their repatriation from deputation. These instructions were reiterated on 16th August, 2000 when some instances of non-compliance by some Departments were noticed and the matter was also taken up with the Departments concerned. In order to ensure that such instances do not recur in future, the said instructions have again been reiterated on 27th March, 2001 for strict compliance by all the Departments in the Ministry of Finance.

Assistance for development of backward districts

2332. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration for granting special financial assistance for the development of backward districts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the necessary steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL) : (a) to (c) Planning and development of an area within a State and allocation of funds for this purpose are primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Governments. The Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments in its development, through releases under the award of Finance Commission, releases of Central Assistance